

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK

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ENGELS COCA,

Plaintiff,

-against-

MERCER STREET HOSPITALITY, LLC, et al.,

Defendants.

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KATHARINE H. PARKER, United States Magistrate Judge:

On April 11, 2023, the parties appeared for an Initial Case Management Conference.

After review of the pleadings and consultation with the parties, the following Scheduling Order is entered pursuant to Rule 16 of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure:

Pleadings, Parties, and Motions. The parties shall have until June 30, 2023 to amend the pleadings and join parties. No further amendments or joinder of parties thereafter absent good cause.

Discovery. The deadline to complete fact discovery is January 11, 2024. Depositions are limited to seven per side. By April 28, 2023, the parties shall file a proposed protective order.

Discovery Disputes. The parties shall follow the Court's Individual Procedures with respect to any discovery disputes. See <https://nysd.uscourts.gov/hon-katharine-h-parker>.

Rule 1 and Rule 26(b)(1). Counsel shall comply with Rule 1 and Rule 26(b)(1) in the conduct of discovery.

Document Requests. Counsel shall be fully familiar with their obligations under Rules 34 and 26(g) and consider and discuss ways to ensure compliance and minimize disputes

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regarding overbreadth and specificity of requests and responses. A failure to comply with this responsibility carries serious consequences. Requests for any and all documents on a broad topic are presumptively improper. Likewise, courts have held that an objection that does not appropriately explain its grounds is forfeited. *See, e.g., Wesley Corp. v. Zoom T.V. Prods., LLC*, No. 17-100212018, 2018 WL 372700, at *4 (E.D. Mich. Jan. 11, 2018); *Fischer v. Forrest*, No. 14 Civ. 01304 (PAE) (AJP), 2017 WL 773694 (S.D.N.Y. Feb. 28, 2017) (“[A]ny discovery response that does not comply with Rule 34’s requirement to state objections with specificity (and to clearly indicate whether responsive material is being withheld on the basis of objection) will be deemed a waiver of all objections (except as to privilege).”).

Status Letter. The parties shall file a joint status letter by Monday, June 12, 2023 updating the Court on their status with mediation and discovery.

SO ORDERED.

DATED: New York, New York
 April 11, 2023



KATHARINE H. PARKER
United States Magistrate Judge